

Public Service in Bushwick, New York. He previously attended PS 297, Abraham Stockton School, and IS 33, Mark Hopkins Intermediate School, located in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Mr. Green was born February 15, 1991 and 7 short years ago joined and was baptized, in June of 2000, at New Canaan Baptist Church. Since joining New Canaan Mr. Green has been actively involved with five ministries; the RJL Youth Choir, the Junior Male Chorus, the Usher Board, the Pulpit Nurses, and the anniversary Committee.

Mr. Green credits Rev. Richard J. Lawson, who has taught him the meaning of respect, leadership, devotion, pride, and most of all how to be a young man of God. Mr. Green believes that a man's steps are ordered by God.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Green for his contribution to his church and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful young man.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL NYE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend Michael Nye on the occasion on his retirement from California Federation of Teachers (CFT). For the past 12 years Michael has served as CFT's Secretary-Treasurer—handling all the financial matters, promoting its growth, implementing agency fees, working with independent unions gathering their support and representing CFT at political, labor and community events. Michael is a well-respected and admired man of integrity, honesty and dedication. I have had the pleasure of working with Michael for many years and know firsthand of his outstanding accomplishments and tireless dedication on behalf of teachers and organized labor.

Born in Chicago, Michael first learned about the labor movement from his relatives who were involved in the teachers and the musicians unions. He moved with his family to California, where he studied political science, history and philosophy at San Diego State University. While attending the University, he worked as an instructional aide in the San Diego Unified School District. He continued his studies at Fresno State, earning a secondary Teaching Credential in American Government. There he received a grant from the Model United Nations of the Far West to be the Registrar of the International Court of Justice. Michael taught at Lincoln High School in the San Jose United School District while studying to complete his Masters degree in political science at the Cal State University at Hayward.

Michael also taught Labor Studies at numerous Bay Area Community Colleges including San Jose City College, West Valley College, San Francisco City College and Merritt College in Oakland. And he taught Labor Studies and Political Science at San Francisco State University.

Michael's personal experience in the labor movement began at the early age of 24 when he was elected Vice President of the San

Jose Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 957. Shortly thereafter he became its President. Two years later, he served as Vice President of CFT and was elected Business Manager of the Central Council of Santa Clara at the young age of 31 years.

Michael left the Bay Area 11 years ago to become the Executive Director of the Western Region of the Jewish Labor Committee in Los Angeles. In 1994, Michael was asked to accept the position of Secretary Treasurer of CFT, completing the circle in the teacher union movement started 25 years earlier. Currently Michael serves as President of the Western Region of the Jewish Labor Committee, and also serves as a board member of the United Labor Bank, a unionized and union owned bank.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Michael Nye for his lifetime of service to students, teachers and the labor movement.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE GARAWAY GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team has displayed dedication to the sport of golf; and Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team have been supportive of their teammates; and Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team has broadened their abilities and skills in the sport of golf; and

Whereas, the Garaway Golf Team always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the greens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Garaway Golf Team on winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work they have demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

A TRIBUTE TO YVONNE GRAHAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor our Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Yvonne J. Graham. Yvonne was born and raised in Jamaica, West Indies. She moved to New York in 1979. Yvonne has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration and Community Health from St. Joseph's College and a Master's Degree in Public Health from Hunter College. She also completed the Executive Program in Business Administration at Columbia University School of Business and more recently, an Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree that was conferred on her by her alma mater St. Joseph's College. Yvonne, also a registered nurse, has worked in the emergency room of Brookdale Hospital.

Yvonne has been a pioneer and a champion in the area of public health for more than 20

years. Before accepting her post as Brooklyn's Deputy Borough President, Yvonne founded and was Executive Director of the Caribbean Women's Health Association which provides comprehensive, culturally-sensitive health care, immigration, and social support services to diverse communities. Her vision was critical to the 2005 founding of Brooklyn's first Center on Health Disparities which is working to reduce cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, infant mortality, asthma, and diabetes among minority communities. The center is an innovative partnership with the Borough President's Office, SUNY Downstate Medical Center and the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health.

Yvonne has led the effort to increase the number of women in leadership positions in government, business, and industry by spearheading the Women's Leadership Initiative. This is a partnership between academic institutions, government agencies, community-based organizations, and the private sector that brings women together for dialogue and networking.

Yvonne was instrumental in the co-naming of Flatbush's Nostrand Avenue in honor of Haitian revolutionary hero Toussaint L'Ouverture. She served on the Mayor's Committee on Immigration; the New York City HIV Planning Council; and the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Yvonne has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for her achievements in community service, including YWCA's Women of Distinction Award; National Association of Black Social Workers' Public Citizen of the Year Award; the Marcus Garvey Medal of Honor; and the Frederick Douglass Medal of Honor just to name a few.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Brooklyn Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham for her many accomplishments and all of her efforts to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have access to healthcare.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Yvonne J. Graham.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BILLY C. HINES, PROFESSOR—ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask my Colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Professor Billy C. Hines, one of Elizabeth City State University's most accomplished Professors.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Hines is now in his 33rd year as Professor of Voice, Director of Choral Activities and Artist-In-Residence at Elizabeth City State University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Stillman College and a Masters of Arts and Masters of Education degree in Music and Music Education from Teacher's College at Columbia University. Further, he holds a Certificate in Managing the Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor Hines has propelled the Elizabeth City State University Choir to a world renowned status. The University Choir, acclaimed as an "incredible group of voices,"

performs annually on tour throughout the United States, Europe and Africa and on campus. In May, 2005 Professor Hines arranged for the choir to travel to Nigeria, West Africa for a 15-day tour of seven cities. Its eclectic musical taste and resplendent audience appeal thrilled the standing-room only audiences everywhere they performed.

Madam Speaker, also in 2005, I am proud to announce that the University Choir was featured at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference Gospel Extravaganza under the inspiring directorship of Professor Hines. The performance was amazingly captivating.

In 1985, Professor Hines took advantage of an opportunity for his Choir to tour the Grand Bahamas Islands. Enthusiastic audiences received them everywhere they sang. In 1980, Governor James B. Hunt invited the University Choir to perform for his historic second consecutive inauguration as Governor of North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, although Professor Hines is a native of Alabama, North Carolina has adopted him as their own. He is an accomplished baritone soloist, a skilled adjudicator, clinician, and conductor. In past years he has conducted the Wayne County North Carolina School Spring Music Festival, the Junior High Honors Chorus as well as the Senior High Women's Chorus at the Summer Music Camp of the University of Wisconsin. Professor Hines has left lasting impressions with his outstanding performances with the North Carolina Junior High All-State Chorus, and with his contribution to the Edgecombe County Choral Festival.

Locally, Professor Hines has directed the Evelyn A. Johnson Community Singers for the past 25 years. The Singers are especially known for their annual rendering of Handel's Messiah, a free performance held for the public at various sites. For over 10 years Professor Hines has been invited to conduct a week-long workshop and concert of the Interstate Church Musicians and Choir Guild. Over 80 church musicians from throughout the Roanoke-Chowan area participate each year.

Madam Speaker, Professor Hines' accomplishments are limitless and I value this rare opportunity to share this abbreviated account with my Colleagues. On behalf of my Colleagues and the great state of North Carolina, I wish Professor Hines God's blessings as he continues to share his extraordinary talents with our great Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO POLICE OFFICER
ANTHONY SAUNDERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Anthony Saunders of the 79th Precinct. Officer Saunders was born in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn and is the second of 4 children. Officer Saunders has been married for 13 years to his wife Michelle, and from that union they have 3 beautiful children.

Officer Saunders was appointed to the New York City Police Department on July 5, 1989. He was assigned to the field training unit in

South East Queens where he performed foot patrol duties within the confines of the 100th, 101st, 105th, 106th, and 113th Precincts. In October of 1991, he was transferred to the 45th Precinct in the Bronx where he served as a patrolman on the midnight shift for approximately 2 years with "above standards" evaluations. In 1993, Officer Saunders was transferred back home to the 79th Precinct where he has performed numerous duties to include the Conditions Unit, the Grand Larceny Auto Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit, and the Street Narcotics and Anti-Crime Units.

After 12 years on patrol in the heart of Bedford Stuyvesant, Officer Saunders was assigned to the Community Affairs Unit and for the past 3 years his experience and expertise has resulted in improving community relations by helping to encourage and foster a strong partnership between the community and the 79th Precinct. Officer Saunders collaborates with local officials; community-based organizations, schools, and houses of worship in Bedford Stuyvesant. He plays an active role in organizing parades, demonstrations, rallies, and various community events.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to recognize that Officer Saunders has been instrumental in closing the gap between the community and the New York City Police Department.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this outstanding officer of the New York City Police Department.

A TRIBUTE TO AARON S. BELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Aaron S. Bell, a recent high-school graduate, and role model. He graduated from Springfield Gardens High School in Springfield Gardens, Queens, New York in 2006, with honors. He was on the Principal's Honor Roll for 4 consecutive years. He was also selected for the Principal's Leadership Program. Mr. Bell served as a Peer-Regents Tutor. He was a 2-year 3rd Grade Teacher for a day, under the Junior Achievement Program, and was a major contributor to the formation of the SAT Prep and Peer Math Clubs. He considers his greatest high school achievement was graduating with a "Regents-Advanced Diploma."

Mr. Bell was born on December 22, 1988 at Long Island Hospital College in Brooklyn, New York, to proud parents, Steven and Robin Bell. He is their third child, and the sibling of Steven L. Bell Jr., and Shakima M. Bell.

As of December 22nd, Mr. Bell will hit the 19-year mark, as a member of the New Canaan Baptist Church. He has served on the Junior Usher Board/Usher Board #2, and as a student of the Christian Education Ministry. He has also been a faithful member of the Sunbeam, Junior Male Chorus, RJL Youth choirs, and the Youth Praise Team.

Mr. Bell has participated in and remains active as a member of the All Stars Project, Inc. He began as a student in the Development School for Youth sector, a corporate business training program, which provides corporate hands-on-training by business executives and professionals.

After graduating in the Fall of 2005, from the Development School for Youth, Mr. Bell became an active volunteer and participant in many corporate-sponsored luncheons, galas and conferences, as a host to some of New York's Top Corporation executives, such as Ernst & Young, Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch, Winston & Strawn LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP, and many others. Currently, he is a new staff member of the Productions Team for the All Stars Project, Inc.'s Talent Show Network.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Aaron S. Bell for his achievement as a young scholar, and dedicated community youth leader.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this very industrious individual.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. W. RUTH
WHITNEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the very distinguished, Dr. W. Ruth Whitney. Dr. Whitney is married to the Reverend Dr. Curtis L. Whitney, and is the First Lady of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. She is also a proud mother and grandmother.

Dr. Whitney received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the New York State University at Old Westbury. She earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from Adelphi University, located in Garden City, Long Island.

Dr. Whitney is an active community servant in the borough of Brooklyn, where she resides. Dr. Whitney's outstanding leadership propelled her to the forefront of movements that promote positive change and development to enhance the quality of life in many diverse communities throughout the Nation. New York Newsday named her "Outstanding Personality of the Week" in 1992. She received the "Woman of Distinction Award", presented to her by New York State Senator Velmanette Montgomery in 2001. She establishes programs for Christian education and Christian leadership throughout the Nation.

Dr. Whitney is the Assistant Dean of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows; Vice-President (Kings County), Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Fellowship of Eastern Baptist Association; First Vice President, New York State Interdenominational Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows; Vice President, Empire State Convention Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows; Member of the National Black Alcoholism Council, Inc.; Member of Lefferts Gardens Civic Association of Brooklyn, NY, Inc; and Co-Instructor for class: "Marriage & Family for Couples", at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. Dr. Whitney is also Dean, Empire Baptist State Convention Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows; President, Eastern Baptist Association of Ministers' Wives & Widows, Fellowship of New York; President, Baptist Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows of Greater New York & Vicinity; Assistant Secretary, Empire State Convention Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows; Founder, New Members Ministry, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY;